

GRIMY CHICAGO  
IS AN INFERNO.

Sweating in Fierce Heat,  
the Town Is Surrounded  
by Prairie Fires.

THE CITY LIMITS INVADED.

Miles of Sidewalks Are Destroyed;  
and the Firemen Are Ex-  
hausted from Work.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Chicago is surrounded on three sides by prairie fires that threaten to do great damage. The fourth side, Lake Michigan, is so covered with smoke that navigation is rendered dangerous.

Extremely hot weather for the month of October is now prevailing in this section. During the past twenty-four hours the thermometer in this city went up to 80 degrees, and, according to the Signal Service records, this is the highest point that has been registered for the month of October in twenty-seven years. Dense smoke aggravated the conditions. On account of drought the last two months everything is as dry as tinder, and forest and prairie fires are numerous.

Lake Michigan has been made almost un-navigable on account of the smoke and fog. Boats picking their way through the Straits of Mackinac were particularly hampered. Landmarks were utterly obliterated, and lights rendered ineffectual at a distance of the length of the steamer. The smoke was attributed to excessive forest fires. Hunting parties careless in their campfires are thought to have started the broad conflagrations. Marine underwriters are apprehensive of numerous strandings on account of smoke, and believe that the lower end of the lakes are watched for with great anxiety.

**Prairie Fires in City Limits.**  
Chicago's southern wards and suburbs are surrounded by prairie fires, and dense smoke overhangs a large part of the territory. Along south of Seventy-fifth street, hundreds of acres of prairie have been burned over, and thousands of feet of sidewalks and fencing have been consumed. Firemen in this division of the city are completely exhausted fighting prairie fires by day and night. Most of the fires are started by sparks from locomotives, and not infrequently by mischievous boys, who set the grass on fire for the excitement.

He dispatch from Bremen, Ind., says the most disastrous prairie fire known in the history of Marshall County is now raging. Hundreds of acres of land in the northern portion of the county, comprising what is locally known as the "Big Marsh," is one vast smoldering waste. At times, when fanned by a breeze, the hot blast into a huge and dazzling fire. The flames leap into fields or meadows, lays waste everything in its path, only stopping when headed off by a ditch or a fence. The fire has been burning for the last sixty days, and has made the pastures brown, compelling cattle to seek the lowlands for grazing, where the fire is smoldering.

**Even the Ground on Fire.**  
Many instances are reported where cattle, in passing over the treacherous ground, have broken through into the burning past and perished. Nothing short of a drenching rain can possibly check the progress of the flames.

## WAREHOUSEMEN HEARD.

The Complaint Against the Railroads  
Taken Up at Philadelphia by the In-  
terstate Commerce Commission.

Philadelphia, Oct. 5.—The contest before the Interstate Commerce Commission between the American Warehousemen's Association and about all the principal railroads of the United States, came up for a hearing here today.

The charge made by the association, which has been aired in many of the principal cities of the East and West, is to the effect that the Pennsylvania, Reading and Lehigh Valley roads, in addition to the charges made in the West, have violated the Interstate Commerce law by furnishing free storage to diverse shippers and acting as warehousemen in various cases. The complaint was filed against the Illinois Central and fifty-one other roads.

The hearing attracted a large array of prominent corporation lawyers, railroad officers and merchants. The Pennsylvania company was represented by George V. Massey, assistant general solicitor of the road. General Thomas M. Joyce, his assistant, J. B. Thayer, and General Agent Latta. The interests of the Reading Railroad company were looked after by Charles H. Hannon, assistant general solicitor of that company.

## BRICK HOUSE TO BE MOVED

Four Horses Will Haul It Back Thirty Feet on Rollers.

The big brick house, five stories high, at No. 44 Marion street, is to be moved back thirty feet today. It is the biggest house of brick that has ever been moved in this city.

The house is owned by J. J. Applegate. It had to be torn down or moved back to make way for the widening of Elm street. It would cost him \$20,000 to tear it down and build another house.

H. J. Russell and K. J. Gilmes, contractors, told him that they could do the moving without injuring the house for \$20,000.

The contractors dug out under the house and placed about 50,000 feet of timber timbers for the movement. Four horses were used in dragging the big house back the thirty feet. William Ely will be in charge of the job, which will begin at 6 o'clock. He expects to have the house moved by midnight.

## SIGHT OF FIRE CRAZED HIM.

Farmer Saw a Blaze in a Barn and Cut His Throat.

Westchester, Pa., Oct. 5.—What was believed to have been an accidental death proves to have been suicide. William J. Baldwin, of Thorndale, this county, was supposed to have been burned to death in a barn which he had just burned down on the Bailey farm on last Friday.

Late yesterday afternoon Baldwin's body was found under a corn shock, a short distance from where the fire occurred. His throat cut. Baldwin entered the barn a few minutes before the fire, and he was not afterwards seen.

It is thought that the sight of the big house being moved was the cause of the big blaze. He was one of the most prominent farmers in Chester County, and was a brother of ex-Senator Attorney Baldwin, of Chester County, and a close relative of Representative Robert J. Baldwin of Delaware County.

**DR. POTTER'S CASE OUSTED.**  
His Action for \$250,000 Damages Against Rockefeller Is Dismissed.

The case of the Rev. Dr. Daniel C. Potter against John D. Rockefeller for \$250,000 damages, for libel, came up in Part III, Supreme Court, yesterday. Dr. Potter asked for a continuance of the case, but Judge Gildersleeve declined to continue it and dismissed the complaint. Dr. Potter says he will appeal the case at once. He declares his counsel deserted him.

The action was one of the numerous charges in the troubles of the Baptist Tabernacle Church, Second avenue and Sixth street, from which Dr. Potter was ousted a few months ago.

LUETGERT'S LAWYERS BRING  
HIS DEFENCE TO A Sudden HALT.

Justice Tuthill, Presiding at the Luetgert Trial, and Inspector Shaack.  
Inspector Michael J. Shaack, whose signature is reproduced, is the man who has worked up the greater part of the evidence against Luetgert. He has waged a constant and successful warfare against Anarchy in Chicago.

Prosecution Was Not Prepared for This Move, and an Early Adjournment Had to Be Taken.  
Meanwhile the Prisoner Poses as a Martyr Because He Was Not Permitted to Go Upon the Stand and Tell His Story.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—"That is our case, Your Honor," and with these words Attorney Vincent closed the defence of Sausage Maker Luetgert this afternoon. So unprepared was the prosecution for this state of affairs that an adjournment had to be taken until to-morrow morning.

State's Attorney Deneen announced that he has eighty witnesses to put on in rebuttal. Of these ten come from Kenosha, Wis., where, it is claimed by the defence, Mrs. Luetgert was seen on May 3, 1 and 5.

Luetgert did not go on the witness stand in his own defence. The big sausage manufacturer yielded to the advice of his attorneys, but the disappointment to him was great. Soon after court convened, ex-Judge Vincent and Attorney Phalen asked permission to consult with their client privately. Judge Tuthill said they might do so, and Luetgert and his lawyers retired to a private room.

**Opposed by Vincent.**  
It was known by the matter under deliberation was whether or not Luetgert should go upon the witness stand. Ex-Judge Vincent vigorously opposed the suggestion. He pointed out to Luetgert that William Charles, his business partner, had told practically the story Luetgert would tell.

"You cannot add to it anything that will benefit you," said Judge Vincent. "If you go upon the witness stand you will be subjected to a cross-examination lasting days and covering the entire period of your life. You will get excited and you will say things which will injure your case. My advice to you is 'keep mum.'"

Attorney Phalen was inclined to favor

Luetgert's desire to go upon the witness stand. He thought he might be able to explain some things more satisfactorily than other witnesses had. He also believed that the absence from the witness stand of the principal actor in the great tragedy might prejudice him in the eyes of the jury. But Attorney Phalen was willing to admit the logic of ex-Judge Vincent's position, and Luetgert said he would abide by his counsel's advice.

**Luetgert's Grim Smile.**  
When the lawyers and Luetgert returned from their consultation Luetgert sat down with a grim smile upon his face. His countenance bore the expression of a martyr, but the disappointment to him was great. Soon after court convened, ex-Judge Vincent and Attorney Phalen asked permission to consult with their client privately. Judge Tuthill said they might do so, and Luetgert and his lawyers retired to a private room.

**Witnesses Called.**  
The first witness called to-day was Henry J. Cox, of the United States Weather Bureau. Witness Cox came with charts and data to prove that the night of May 1, 1897, was cloudy in Chicago and vicinity. This evidence was brought out by the defence to counteract the testimony of witnesses who had sworn that they stood across the street at 11 o'clock on the night of May 1 and saw Luetgert and his wife walking toward the sausage factory.

The next witness was Mrs. Mary Charles, wife of William Charles, Luetgert's business partner. Mrs. Charles said that upon several occasions Mrs. Luetgert had said to her: "I am going away. My husband has failed in business, and people will now point their fingers at me and say, 'She is the wife of the sausage maker who failed.'"

On May 1, the witness said, she saw Mrs. Luetgert for the first time. It was about 11 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Luetgert again said she was going away, and repeated that she could not stand the dis-

grace the failure had brought upon her family. "I turned away, and I never saw her again," concluded the witness.

**Mrs. Luetgert's Rings.**  
"Did you ever see Mrs. Luetgert wear finger rings?" asked Attorney Phalen.

"I have," replied the witness. "How many?"

"She wore two." "Were they gold rings?" "Yes, very often."

"You saw them often?" "Yes, very often."

"Describe them, can you?" "Both were plain gold rings nearly equal in size as the width of a finger. One of them, perhaps both, contained Mrs. Luetgert's initials."

**Never Saw This One.**  
"Did you ever see this ring I now hand you?"

It was one of the rings found in the vat. People in the court room stood up and craned their necks with breathless interest, while the witness examined the ring. The big court room was lived as the crowd of spectators strained their ears to catch the reply of Mrs. Charles.

"No, sir, I never saw that ring before," she finally answered. "It is narrower than either of those Mrs. Luetgert wore."

"The other ring was handed to her, and the witness gazed at it for some time. "This ring is about the size of one of the rings she wore," said Mrs. Charles, finally, "but I cannot tell—I do not think it is one of them."

State's Attorney Deneen questioned the witness sharply. He asked her why she did not tell this story to the police or to Justice Keenan long ago. She replied that she had told it to Luetgert's attorneys, and was not asked to tell it again.

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DEBS'S MEN TO  
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Social Democracy's New  
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for the Idle.

WITH CITY CAPITAL.

Nashville Contemplates Building  
Lines to Connect with the  
Cincinnati Southern.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Eugene V. Debs and his Social Democracy have determined to enter the market as purveyors of labor while they await the development of their colonization project. Debs has selected railroad building as the first great industrial project to be undertaken. He has sought for the privilege of constructing a railroad in Tennessee, and if his preliminary plans meet with favor the work will be launched next month.

The City Council of Nashville will receive a formal proposition from the Social Democracy to build a seventy-five mile road from Nashville to Lebanon, which will be turned over to the City of Nashville for a nominal consideration. Labor for the building and operating of the railroad will be furnished by the Social Democracy, and it is intended that the road shall be maintained under the methods set forth by the advocates of public ownership of railroads.

The building of the line, with another small line at Monterey to connect with the Cincinnati Southern road, owned by the City of Cincinnati, will give a direct road to Cincinnati.

It is proposed to employ only men who are idle in the community, and Debs declares that as many of his men were formerly railroad employees they will be peculiarly fitted for this task.

**WANT THE UNION PACIFIC.**  
Britishers Will Probably Bid Against the Reorganization Committee for the Road.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 5.—The Reorganization Committee of the Union Pacific Railroad will find opposition to its bid to buy in the road on the first of November. A London syndicate will be ready on that day to enter the lists against the Morgan combination. The English capitalists have been in communication with some of the officials of the Government and will be ready to make their bid.

The utmost secrecy is maintained on the subject of the department of Justice. This afternoon Attorney-General McKenna said he knew nothing about the intention of English capitalists to bid on the road, but he added, significantly: "Any one can bid on the road who pleases, provided he has money enough to make good his bid. A prospective bidder would not be forced to consult me or the Reorganization Committee of the Union Pacific. The road will be sold to the highest bidder."

The question was asked whether a foreign syndicate would be permitted under the law to assume complete control of such a great line of railroad, and it was promptly answered in the affirmative.

Ex-Governor Handy, the special counsel of the Government, was consulted with the Attorney-General all the afternoon, and it was expected that they would have a statement to make this evening. But the Attorney-General said he was not quite ready yet.

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**AGAINST SUNDAY BIKING.**  
Christian Endeavorers Also Warned by Pastor Dixon Against Riding in Trolley Cars on That Day.

Elmira, N. Y., Oct. 5.—A half hour's service of song and devotional exercises opened the second day of the State Christian Endeavor Association. State Vice-President Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D., of Brooklyn, then addressed the assembly. He deplored the extent to which Sabbath desecration is carried on at the present time. He spoke against riding bicycles and in trolley cars on the Sabbath, and also uttered a protest against the Sunday newspapers.

The meeting at Park Church was presided over by A. E. Dowhurst, of New York, State Secretary, and the devotional exercises were led by Rev. S. E. Eastman.

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